(b) Arrests made in India on the extradition requests of foreign governments:—

(i) 1999—03 (Rajesh Girdhan Das Jadeja, Ram Kumar Bhardrapuria and Anand Mochevey Projen Satian Jewan Kiskee)

(ii) 2000—04 (Mahender Sekhri, Kamalesh Babulal Aggarwal, Mr. Sonam Dupka and Bhoomi Devadas).

(iii) 2001—04 (Salwant Singh, Riyaz Ahmed Sikandar Kittur, Cyrus-Homi Cooper and Mohamed Hanif Hazi Jusab).

(c) The extradition proceedings are conducted in accordance with the bilateral extradition treaty/arrangements (if any) and the Indian Extradition Act, 1962.

Harassment of Indians working abroad

1270. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the official data of complaints of harassment of Indians working abroad for the last three years;

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of Indian Workers repatriated to India during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) The number of complaints regarding harassment of Indian Workers abroad received during the last three years, as per information available with the Government, are as follows:

1998	:	8870
1999	:	6583
2000	:	6891

(b) As a standard procedure, as soon as such complaints are received, the concerned Indian diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad take

up the matter with the foreign employers/sponsors or their Indian agents. Generally, the grievances are redressed with the cooperation of the employers and concerned foreign government/agencies. In cases of dispute, the matter is sought to be resolved through the labour courts in the foreign country concerned.

(c) The number of Indian workers repatriated to India during the last three years, as per available information, is as follows:—

1998	:	17062
1999	:	11152
2000	:	19862

Problems Faced by Refugees

1271. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 6,000 Afghanis, including a large number of Hindus and Sikhs, living in the country as refugees, are facing numerous problems;

(b) whether Government have offered that "in case the remaining minority population of Afghanistan desires to come to India, they would be willing to accept them";

(c) whether the Government have discussed with the opposition parties about the refugees' problem;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) On account of continuing civil conflict in Afghanistan a large number of Afghan nationals including those of Indian origin are presently living in India. In keeping with our traditional policy of friendship towards the people of Afghanistan all Afghan nationals, including those of Indian origin, who came to India with valid travel documents/ passports are being allowed to stay unhindered. We continue to treat all Afghan nationals in India with consideration and sympathy. Visa